

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1078 - SB 1055

March 3, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Places a moratorium on the establishment of any new municipal courts, if such court is not established by January 1, 2003, until the Judicial Council completes a study on the matter and the General Assembly has had at least one session to review the Judicial Council's recommendations.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - Increases in state expenditures for the district attorneys general and the public defenders to staff new municipal courts will be avoided during the period of the moratorium. The shift in local government revenues from court fees, fines and taxes from the county governments to the city governments will be delayed during the period of the moratorium.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Davenport".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director